

Needham Youth Services

Board of Director Meeting Notes

October 10, 2012

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 9/12/2012; October Department Report; A Conversation...Flyer; QPR Flyer; Project VAN Evaluation; Project Van Pictures; RAY of Hope June Press Release; Teen Dating Violence Seminars Evaluation; VIP Program Evaluation; and twenty-one (21) newspaper articles.

- **Accepted Minutes of 9/12/2012**

- **Community Focus Discussion:**

Discussed a range of issues including the Newman School Renovation, how an increase in the number of secondary age students has implications for Youth Services and the Needham Public Schools, and social/emotional learning at the high school level.

- **FY 2014 Update**

Budget information has been submitted to Assistant Town Manager Christopher Coleman. The formal process begins in November with a meeting with the Town Manager, Assistant Town Managers, and Finance Committee members.

- **Vote for Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2013**

Vote was rescheduled until the November meeting..

- **High Tech and Low Tech Discussion**

Discussed the various methods by which staff connect with the community utilizing high tech strategies and places where low tech is still effective and preferred. Board made suggestions to be a part of “Back to School” nights in the fall, be present at private schools in which Needham youth are enrolled (e.g. Rashi School), and others.

- **New/Old Business:**

- Update on Peer Tutor Program; Match Day was a success and program is up and running
- Update on Youth Resource Network (first meeting was held last week)
- VIP Program update; in the process of finishing interviews and program begins in November
- Several presentations have been scheduled in the community and in the schools
- The first “A Conversation ...” program will be held later this month
- The 2013 Forde Award is right around the corner. Members Susan Patkin, Karen Folb, and Julie Steven volunteered to serve on this year’s selection committee
- The first Babysitting Training Seminar will be held next week (and is sold out)
- NHS Parenting Conference; planning has begun on this program slated for January
- Pollard/High Rock Parenting Conference will happen on the first Saturday in November
- The supplemental Packet of information was distributed

- **Next Meeting:**

November 14, 2012 at 5:30pm at Needham Town Hall (Highland Room Meeting Room)

- **Adjourn**

Members Present:	Allison Berger, David Bookston, Karen Folb, Justin Jones, Susan Patkin, Julie Stevens
Members Absent:	Debbie Winnick, Vin Springer
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart, Michelle Butman
Notes By:	Jon Mattleman